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At the grand reopening were (l to r): Doug Wood, Supervisor, Facilities Maintenance; Mike Bowers, President, SSM St. Joseph Health Center; Michael Spurgeon, Director of Administration; Ward 4 Councilmember, Mary West; Mayor Sally Faith; Charlotte Worthington; State Representative, Chrissy Sommer; Ward 10 Councilmember, Bridget Ohmes; and Ward 2 Councilmember, Tom Besselman.

Reconstruction Complete! City Hall Parking Garage Is Open

Mayor Sally Faith and members of the St. Charles City Council played host the morning of Monday, September 29 for a grand reopening ceremony at the City Hall parking garage at 200 North Second Street. The facility, which closed in March of this year for reconstruction, officially reopened for business later that same afternoon.

Thanks to voter approval of a \$3.8 million bond issue in 2013, the public parking facility at 200 North Second Street received a much-needed face-lift this year and is now open for business.

According to John Zimmerman, Assistant Director of Public Works, additional construction efforts are still underway, including the northwest stairwell off Second Street, and central beam rework within the interior of the garage.

"Even with these ongoing upgrades," said John, "there are more than 300

parking spaces open and available. We appreciate everyone's patience as we put on the

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City Ranks as Best Place to Live, Visit

24/7 Wall Street, an internet based business and financial news operation, recently ranked the City of St. Charles as one of the "50 Best Cities to Live."

Researchers reviewed a number of characteristics including crime rates, employment growth, housing stock, cost of living and education rates.

In recognizing St. Charles, 24/7 Wall Street reporters cited the City's extremely low crime rate (less than half the national average) and low unemployment rate. St. Charles was the only community in both the State of Missouri and the Greater St. Louis metropolitan region to make the list.

"It is gratifying that another objective third party organization recognizes the greatness of our City," stated Mayor Sally Faith. "It confirms we are doing things right," she said.

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Furthermore, in July, St. Charles was named "Best Small Town in Missouri" by the readers of AAA *Midwest Traveler* magazine. The award was featured in the July/August issue, which went to more than 590,000 AAA homes throughout Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Kansas.

What did they write about St. Charles? "St. Charles served as the final embarkation point of the Lewis and Clark Expedition when it was but a village, yet had they known how charming the city would become, the explorers might have never left." We certainly agree!

You can read more about St. Charles and the other 2014 Best of the Midwest winners at autoclubmo.aaa.com/traveler/mid/2014/07/best-of-the-midwest.html.



(l photo) The September 29 reopening ceremony at the Monroe Street entrance and (r photo) a peek inside the newly reconstructed garage, which shows the new flooring surface on level G2.



Fifth Street Update

Utility Relocation Phase Will Begin Soon

by Kevin Corwin, P.E., City Engineer

Fifth Street, one of our City's most utilized thoroughfares, is about to receive some major improvements. The goal of the Fifth Street Gateway Project is to create a legacy for the City by enhancing the aesthetics of Fifth Street, improving traffic flow and safety, and promoting pedestrian activity from Bass Pro Drive to First Capitol Drive.

The Public Works Department approved the final construction plan documents, and the project went out to bid in October. On November 14, the lowest bidding contractor will be announced and they will immediately begin the process of receiving final bid concurrence and approvals from the Missouri Department of Transportation and St. Charles City Council.

The project is currently on schedule. To date, all property needed for right-of-way has been acquired and plans have been reviewed and agreed upon by the City Council. A change to the plans previously displayed at public meetings became necessary during final design due to right-of-way acquisition limitations; the change eliminated the previously proposed traffic signal at Pike Street.

All utility relocation agreements have been finalized and the undergrounding of utility lines will begin this fall. Due to the substantial utility relocation plan, roadway construction work will not begin until the spring of 2015. The completed gateway project is expected to be completed by June 2016.

The Fifth Street Gateway Project is the first step in infrastructure investment toward achieving the vision set out in the Hospital District Master Plan, which was developed in 2011. Additional information about the project is available online at stcharlescitymo.gov/fifthstreet.



During the reopening ceremony, Mayor Faith thanked Sharlotte Worthington for her support on the business subcommittee (top photo); staff members in Facilities Maintenance and Parks & Recreation (center) designed and planted the "mum" arrow (lower).

Construction Begins on New Facility



On Tues., Sept. 9, the City hosted a ground-breaking ceremony to officially launch the construction of the new Public Works Facility. The new facility will be located on 8.5 acres at 2871 Elm Point Ind. Dr. (across from the soccer complex and adjacent to Coca-Cola). Pictured (l to r) are: Jerry Hurlbert, Director of Public Works; Ward 2 Councilmember, Tom Besselman; Mayor Sally Faith; Ward 10 Councilmember, Bridget Ohmes; Ward 3 Councilmember, Laurie Feldman; Ward 9 Councilmember, Ron Stivison; and Michael Spurgeon, Director of Administration. When complete, the new facility will have a 10,960-sq.-ft. administration building, a 6,693-sq.-ft. fleet services building, and a 7,158-sq.-ft. salt storage building. This new facility will replace the old one at 370 North Dr., which is a metal, 40-year-old former airplane hangar.

Parking Garage

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finishing touches and complete this important infrastructure project in our City. Thank you for observing directional signage to ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians," he said.

John indicated the rehab effort addressed repairs to post-tension structural steel elements, concrete slab and column spalling, as well as asphalt and membrane surfaces. "Stairwells in the facility were also repaired and redesigned as a part of this structural renovation project," he added.

The cost for parking in the garage is \$2 per day. On weekday afternoons starting at 3:30 p.m. and on weekends, the garage continues to be open to the general public and parking is free of charge. For more information, please contact Public Works at 636-949-3237.



Donations Needed

It's time once again to begin collecting coats, hats, gloves, scarves and blankets to provide a helping hand for our neighbors in need this winter.

According to Laurie Feldman, Ward 3 Councilmember, donations will be received at City Hall through December 5 and distributed at the *Helping Hands for the Holiday* event held annually at the St. Charles Convention Center.

If you have new or gently used items to donate, please bring them to City Hall at 200 N. Second Street. For questions, call the City Clerk's office at 636-949-3282. Many thanks for your generosity!



Mayor Sally Faith and Fire Chief Rick Daly (center) joined City Council members, staff and friends in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the grand opening of the City's new Fire Station 4 and Public Safety Facility located at 3201 Boschertown Road. A community open house was held October 11. For more information relative to use of the Community Room, call 636-949-3250.



(l photo) Mary Kay Morse, member of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission, addresses residents at the Elder Outreach Open House. Morse chaired the event, which was held Sept. 18 at the new Fire Station 4 & Public Safety Facility. (r photo) Workers from Concrete Strategies repair sidewalks and streets in the Stable Ridge Subdivision. This was just one of the many areas around town where concrete improvements were made over the summer and fall.



St. Charles City Lights 11TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY DISPLAY CONTEST

NOMINATION
FORM

The City is sponsoring the 11th Annual St. Charles City Lights Awards, the City's holiday display contest. The contest is open to all City residents and businesses. **Nominations will be welcomed through Wednesday, November 26** and can be made for lit or non-lit displays and can be for any worthy display (including your own).

The annual contest is an opportunity to foster participation in the holiday season and recognize those residents and business owners who beautify their city with varied holiday displays. Nominated displays will be judged on Thursday, December 4 and Saturday, December 6 (if lights are part of the display, please make sure they are turned on no later than 5:00PM). Awards will be presented to winners during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 16.

Additional copies of this nomination form can be found on the City's website at stcharlescitymo.gov and at City Hall. Nominations must be returned by 5:00PM on Wednesday, November 26 to Anne Freand in Community Development (City Hall, 200 N. 2nd St., Ste. 303) or faxed to Anne's attention at 636-949-3557. For more information, call 636-949-3222.

Homeowner or Business Name: _____

This is a: ☐ Residence ☐ Business ☐ Other: _____

Street Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please list any other relevant details concerning your nomination: _____

Four Join City Ranks

Mayor Sally Faith recently announced changes and additions in key leadership positions throughout the City.

JERRY HURLBERT, P.E., has assumed the role of Director for the Department of Public Works. Mayor Sally Faith named Hurlbert to the director position in July; he has served as interim director since March 5. Hurlbert is a retired civil engineer and formerly served as vice president at George Butler Associates, Inc., a private consulting engineering and architectural firm with offices in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Illinois. He is a past chairman of the board for the Greater Saint Charles County Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves on the board of the O'Fallon Community Foundation. He also is a member of the board of trustees for Duckett Creek Sanitary District, and is a member of the Deacon Council for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Hurlbert is active in his church, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, where he is an ordained deacon. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Jerry is married to his wife, Christine, of 45 years and they have six sons, one daughter and 13 grandchildren.

TRAVIS WILSON began work on August 11 as the City's Economic Development Coordinator. Wilson will support the Economic Development Department's efforts in continuing to market the City and enhance its overall economic climate. He formerly worked for the St. Louis County office of the Missouri Career Center. His duties included serving as a business liaison and implementing aspects of the Workforce Investment Act. He is also a licensed real estate professional. Wilson earned a B.S. in Marketing from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

JOE WARD has been named Tourism Director. Ward fills an established position on the City's leadership team; his appointment with the Greater Saint Charles Convention & Visitors Bureau

(CVB) was effective June 19. Heavily involved in tourism development throughout the destination marketing industry, Ward most recently served as executive director of the Longmont Area Visitors Association in Longmont, CO. He previously served as director of the Orange County, VA Department of Tourism and Visitors Bureau, as well as Acting Director and Sales Manager for the Charlottesville/Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau in Charlottesville, VA. Ward is past-president of the Virginia Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus (VACVB). On a national level, he has served on the Education Committee for Destination Marketing Association International (DMAI), and is recognized by the American Bus Association as a Certified Travel Industry Specialist (CTIS). Early in his career, Ward honed his special event management skills while working at the 1995 Ryder Cup Golf Championship in Rochester, NY, Super Bowl XXX in Phoenix, AZ, and the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, GA. A native of Western New York, and a graduate of the State University of New York at Fredonia, Ward shares his life outside of work with his wife Sara and two young sons, Anthony and Joseph.

ELIZABETH PHELPS has been named Assistant Tourism Director. Her appointment with the Greater Saint Charles Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) was effective October 6. Phelps most recently served as Government Relations Director for the City of Farmington, New Mexico. She also formerly served in the capacity of Downtown Coordinator for Farmington, in which she managed the Downtown Association's day-to-day activities. Originally from St. Louis, Phelps previously served as Development & Communications Director for Cultural Festivals, and Development Director for Laumeier Sculpture Park. Phelps holds a bachelor of arts in Art History from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She also completed Grants 101: Program



Newly hired at the City include (clockwise from top left) Jerry Hurlbert, Travis Wilson, Elizabeth Phelps and Joe Ward.

Development and Evaluation, Professional Grant Writing, and Grant Research from The Grant Institute. She attended Leadership San Juan in 2010, Effective Frontline Leadership-San Juan College in 2012, and is a State Certified New Mexico Main Street Director.

Wohldmann Named Beyond The Best

City Administrative Assistant Jen Wohldmann was recently named one



of the top 50 Beyond The Best executives, employees and board members in the metro area by StreetScape Magazine.

In her current capacity, Jen assists the Director of

Administration and is a liaison to the City Council. She also administers SeeClickFix, a citizen request program. When she's not in the office, Jen enjoys volunteering in the community and giving back as a member of the St. Charles Jaycees.

Photo by Michael Schlueter/StreetScape Magazine

Redesigned Website Offers New Features

Mayor Sally Faith in conjunction with the City Council and staff are pleased to announce the City's launch of a new and improved website. The site continues to reside at the previously established domain, stcharlescitemo.gov.

The main navigation includes:

- **How Do I** - a quick resource guide for residents and business owners
- **Government** - where all of the City's government-related content is housed
- **Services** - an overview of services the City provides
- **Residents** - information of particular interest to City residents
- **Business** - information specifically of interest to City business owners
- **Community Voice** - an online forum seeking input from residents and business owners

Notify Me is a new section where you can provide your email address or cell phone number in order to get alerts when new content of your choosing is posted to the site.

Other sections readily available from the home page include:

- **Online Payments** - where you can pay your bills online
- **Employment** - where you can search available position openings
- **Let Us Know** - where you can share your thoughts with City officials and staff
- **Bid Postings** - where you can view current bid information
- **News Flashes** - where you can read the City's latest news and announcements
- **Calendar, Twitter Feed, Helpful Links, FAQs, Contact Information and more**

Developed by Civic Plus, the new website will also soon be available as a mobile version. Questions? Call the Administration Department at 636-949-3262.



City and Chamber Cohost Business Breakfasts

Mayor Sally Faith, the City's Economic Development Department and the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to host a series of "Small Business Breakfasts".

"These breakfasts are another outreach effort from the City to not only communicate what we are doing, but also hear from local businesses about their concerns," stated Faith.

Scott Tate, Chamber President, agreed with the purpose.

"Small business is the lifeblood of this region. These breakfasts demonstrate the Chamber is interested in the issues that impact both large and small business owners."

The breakfasts are informal discussion forums that cover a variety of topics. Attendees have ranged from grocers and investment advisors to small manufacturers, restaurants and businesses along Historic Main Street.

Economic Development Earns Accreditation, Award

Congratulations to the City's Economic Development Department on recent awards and honors.

This summer, the Department was recognized as one of 42 economic development organizations accredited by International Economic Development Council (IEDC) as an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO). Then, in October, the Department won an IEDC Gold Excellence in Economic Development Award for its 2014 project in the category of Special Purpose Website for communities with populations of 25,000-200,000.

The Economic Development Department has been led by Economic Development Director David Leezer, CECD since 2011 and is only the third AEDO in Missouri.

Schnucks Open at University Commons



The new Schnucks supermarket on First Capitol Dr. opened August 6. There to celebrate were (front, l to r): JoAnn Smashey, Schnucks Store Manager; Mayor Sally Faith; Todd Schnuck, Schnucks CEO; Mike Bowers, President of SSM St. Joseph Health Center; Dr. James Evans, President, Lindenwood University; Ward 10 Councilmember, Bridget Ohmes; Ward 3 Councilmember, Laurie Feldman; Ward 9 Councilmember, Ron Stivison, (back, l to r) Ward 1 Councilmember, Mary Ann Ohms; Jan Witcher, Schnucks Store Co-Manager; Anne Zerr, State Representative; Ward 4 Councilmember, Mary West; Terri Violet, St. Peters Board of Alderman; Ward 5 Councilmember, John Hanneke; Ward 2 Councilmember, Tom Besselman; Michael Spurgeon, Director of Administration; and Mark Hindrichs, President, Impact Strategies.



Preserving a Link to Our Past

The minute you come upon the home at 1005 Jefferson Street, you know it's special. Known as the Oliver L. and Catherine Link House, it is on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its distinctive Richardsonian Romanesque design.

The use of the Richardsonian Romanesque style adds a sense of mass and stability to the Link House that defines the style and makes the house more visually extraordinary than the other houses in the surrounding neighborhood. The Link House is one of only three Richardsonian Romanesque designs in the large Midtown St. Charles neighborhood.

The two-and-a-half story house has a large round tower on one corner and heavy arches above the entry and front façade. It also has a monochromatic appearance with its limestone and yellow brick—all typical of Richardsonian Romanesque design. The home was designed by its owner in 1895.

The front door has a single, beveled glass light with a molded shelf at the base. Framing the top of this light is an embossed swag and below is the original doorbell and a recessed panel that features the overlapping O and L emblem (for Oliver Link). Flanking this panel are two embossed vases with bouquets of cattails, apparently linked with the “cat” in Catherine’s name.

The home has a double set of two-tiered porches, all with painted blue ceilings to coincide with the outdoor blue sky for which Victorians (1837-1901) had a fondness of. The west elevation of the house features a corner sleeping porch that is enclosed on the second floor directly above the open, first floor porch. The east lower porch was known as a “spooning porch”. In Victorian times it allowed the young women in the family to meet with their beaux privately yet within the area where parents could discretely chaperone the visit from an adjoining room.

“The Links had two daughters and we’re sure the porch was used appropriately,” commented Tom Kuypers, current owner.

Link incorporated innovative designs into the home such as a fire alarm system, a system to store and pump rain water, and a gas fireplace. The home was also one of the first in the area to be wired for electricity.

Because of his prominence in the community both as an inventor and executive for the town’s major industry and because this house is the most closely associated building with Oliver Link, the home is also designated under Criterion B for the National Register of Historic Places. Link was selected as a member of the City Council numerous times, serving a total of 19 years (non-consecutively). He also worked for American Car & Foundry and the Water Department.



The Oliver L. and Catherine Link House located at 1005 Jefferson Street is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The home has gone through multiple owners since the Link’s death. It was vacant for a short period of time and rented out as well. But even with multiple owners, very little has changed on this house since the Links lived there, except for work to maintain and restore the original elements of the house.

The current owners are Thomas and Patricia Kuypers who purchased the home in 1984 and have lived there for over 30 years. Tom has a love for preserving Missouri’s cultural heritage. He and Patricia were both very pleased when the home was awarded its National Register Designation in 2013. Tom volunteers with the St. Charles City Landmarks Board and the Missouri Advisory Council for Historic Preservation. Both Tom and Patricia have been pronounced custodians of this historic property and have remained true to preserving its structural integrity.

In St. Charles, we are fortunate to have so many buildings and homes that are a special link to our past. They truly add to the beauty and charm of our great Historic St. Charles. If you own a historic home or building and would like it to be considered for an upcoming feature article in City News, please email Denise Mitchell of the Landmarks Board at mitchell.demi@sbcglobal.net.

Where Do You Stash Your Trash?

Did you know that where you keep your trash containers is outlined by City Ordinance in order to keep St. Charles looking its best? Section §245.060 states the following:

- A. It shall be unlawful to place or keep garbage or rubbish containers or containers for recyclables on any public street or alley, except on private property; provided however, that such containers may be placed on designated locations on public streets or alleys on collection days for a sufficient length of time to permit the City or its authorized collector to make collection of such garbage or rubbish.
- B. Containers for garbage, rubbish or recyclables shall be placed and at all times kept on private property in either the rear yard or the side yard behind the front building line; provided however, that on collection days such containers shall be placed in plain view of the rear of the premises when the premises are adjacent to the alley and collection is done from the alley. When the premises are not adjacent to the alley and the collection is done from a street, then such containers shall, on collection days, be placed in plain view adjacent to the curb in front of such premises. No container may be placed for collection prior to 5 p.m. of the day before the scheduled pickup. At no time shall containers be stored in the front yard, a porch or in front of a garage; provided, however, upon a showing of undue hardship the City Administrator may exempt a residence from the storage requirement.
- C. It shall be the duty of the householder or person in charge of the premises to remove containers from the premises adjacent to the street curb not later than Midnight of the day of pickup. If more than one (1) container is necessary to hold the garbage, rubbish or recyclables accumulating on the premises or if more than one (1) container is used for the garbage, rubbish or recyclables from any building, all containers shall be placed at the same location for collection.



On Sale Now DVDs Celebrating Parks & Christmas

The Media Department has produced commemorative DVDs honoring the 100th anniversary of the Parks Department and the 40th anniversary of the Christmas Traditions Festival.

A **free public screening** of the Christmas Traditions documentary will be held on Thurs., Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Foundry Art Centre.

To order the Parks DVD, call 636-949-3372. To purchase the Christmas Traditions DVD, visit the information booth at the corner of First Capitol Dr. and Main St. during festival hours.



Please Don't Crush Cans

Republic Services would like to request that you leave an aluminum can as-is when tossing it into your recycle bin. Cans that are crushed often slip through the cracks of the recycling system. Thank you for making a difference in getting **all** aluminum cans recycled!

Free Fall Yard Waste Pick-Up

The City and Republic Services will provide a free yard waste pick-up for residents the week of November 17-21. Your free pick-up day will be the same as your regular yard waste pick-up day. This free pick-up is for yard waste only, including grass clippings, tree limbs and branches. Limbs and branches must be less than six inches in diameter and are required to be bundled with twine (not wire). Bundles must not be larger than four feet in length, 24 inches in diameter, and 75 pounds in weight. For questions, call Jeri at 636-255-6142.



Team Takes 3rd in National Event



U12 and U16 teams from the Missouri Youth Cricket Association competed in the National Youth Cricket Tournament July 4-7 in Dallas. Congratulations to the U12 Team for taking 3rd Place! U12 team members from St. Charles are Ritu Singh, Yuvraj Singh, Parth Patel, Kausthubh Budoor, Evan Harris, Kathryn Harris, Michael Harris, Aman Daggumati, Rahul Dodda, and Arnav Jhamb. U16 team members from St. Charles are Rishith Mishra, and Siddharth Balaji. In 2015, the U10 and U14 National Youth Cricket Tournament will be held in the St. Charles area over the July 4th holiday weekend with the home field being at Bales Park. The event is expected to draw 16 teams from all over the U.S. For more information on youth and newly forming women's cricket programs, visit mocricicket.org.

Winter Weather Ahead

Whether We Like It or Not

Last winter was brutal. Record snow and ice topped off with below normal temperatures kept City Street Department employees (who are responsible for 545 lane miles of roadway) on their toes, to say the least. According to Street Superintendent Daryl Hampel, a St. Charles winter typically includes five to eight snow events—but last year we had 15!—and the financial impact was significant. The City used 4,500 tons (or \$350,000 worth) of salt, and regular plus over-time man-hours quickly rose to record seasonal highs.

For this coming winter, Hampel reports that the City's contracted weather service is forecasting slightly below average temperatures (1-3 degrees) and near average snowfall amounts. Sounds good, right? But if it's one thing we know for sure, our Missouri weather is always changing and often surprising. That's why now is a good time to talk about how the City handles the massive task of snow removal. And let's all keep our fingers crossed that this winter is kinder and gentler than the last.



Snow covers the Katy Depot along the Missouri riverfront in Frontier Park.

The City's defined snow season runs from December 1 through March 31. We see most of our snowfall during these four months, with the largest totals typically occurring in January and February.

During snow season, the City monitors weather conditions 24 hours a day. When snowfall predictions reach certain thresholds, a decision is made to implement one of four Winter Weather Response procedures.

A **Level I Winter Weather Response** occurs when possible ice or frost is predicted by the National Weather Service within 24 hours. Road conditions are monitored by Public Works personnel. Snow Crew and Supervisors are advised to plan accordingly. Pre-treatment of bridges, overpasses and arterials begin with a salt brine mixture to break the bond of ice accumulation. Priority II collector streets are monitored to determine the necessity of salt brine application.

A **Level II Response** occurs when the National Weather Service predicts a strong probability of snow/ice accumulations of up to three inches within 12 to 24 hours. Equipment preparations underway; Snow Crews are notified of when to report; some personnel may be placed on duty pre-treating bridges and overpasses. A full Level II response will implement one truck per route and arterials.

A **Level II Response** occurs when the National Weather Service predicts a snow/ice accumulation of 3-6 inches. Snow crews will report to their assigned route. Concentration of snow/ice removal will focus on arterials and collectors to provide safe traffic movement and emergency vehicle access. A separate contractor will be in operation to provide supplemental support for residential streets.

And a **Level IV Response** occurs when the National Weather Service predicts a snow/ice accumulation of six or more inches. The City is operating with ALL resources

deployed. Snow Crews are operating two 12-hour shifts around the clock. Contractors are deployed to operate 12-hour rotating shifts in conjunction with City Snow Crews providing supplemental support for residential streets. Additional Salary and Full-time City employees are called to report for assigned snow shifts in available City pickup trucks. All available equipment will be utilized in all routes and removal operations will continue until complete.

During winter weather, the focus is to maintain safe travel on arterial and collector streets during snowfall because of the volume of travel on these types of roads and the potential for a serious accident exist at a greater level.

Once snowfall has stopped, the City snow plows respond to the roadways in the following sequence:

- Priority I–Arterials (*ex. Muegge Rd., Elm St., Zumbahl Rd., Duchesne Dr.*)
- Priority II–Collectors (*ex. Hackman Rd., Boonslick Rd., Little Hills Expy., Boschertown Rd.*)
- Priority III–Residential Streets

The arterial and collector snow plows exist with one tandem truck to clear a two-way path. Typically, residential streets will be cleared in both directions at the end of snowfall.

Snow Emergency Routes are implemented when City crews cannot effectively keep arterials clear because of weather conditions. Snow Crews will concentrate on identified routes that residents can rely on until conditions improve. Snow Emergency Routes are marked by City-installed special signage. The routes are the major arterials that run within the City limits, such as:

- South Fifth St.
- Harry S. Truman Rd.
- Muegge Rd.
- Elm St.

The City of St. Charles is responsible for 545 lane miles of roadway, and when winter weather hits, snow removal is an arduous and time consuming job. Please be patient. For your own safety, do not approach a snow plow or interfere with snow removal operations. All streets will be cleared and all problems will be responded to as expeditiously as possible.

How is snow removed from a cul-de-sac?

Crews will attempt to push snow to the middle of a cul-de-sac. However, operating a plow within a small area is difficult. While plowing the cul-de-sac, every effort is made to avoid blocking fire hydrants, sewers, and mailboxes. Unfortunately, this cannot always be avoided.

Will the City remove snow from my sidewalk?

No. Residents and business owners are required to remove snow and ice from driveways, sidewalks, and in front of mailboxes.

Is the City responsible for damage to my mailbox, plants, or basketball hoop?

If your mailbox or landscaping is damaged by a City-operated snow plow, please contact the Street Division at 636-949-3363 or 636-949-3366 (after hours). Mailboxes within public right-of-way must be installed in accordance with USPS federal guidelines. City ordinance prohibits basketball hoops and landscaping within the City's public right-of-way (mid-street to about 10 feet beyond the curb). Therefore, the City will not pay for damage to items or materials located within the right-of-way.

Can I push the snow from my sidewalk and driveway back into the street?

Placing snow in a public street is against City ordinance and may result in a fine.

Why does the City push snow into the foot of my driveway after I clean it?

During a winter weather event, the City plow will conduct an initial pass to open the roadway so that residents can get in and out. The plow will eventually return to widen the road to the curb side. Please understand that the City's first priority is the safety of the traveling public. Unfortunately, it is not practical to raise a plow to avoid every driveway. This would greatly delay the process of clearing the roadways.

What can I do to prevent snow from being pushed into their driveway?

If possible, shovel your driveway *after* we have finished plowing the street. When shoveling your driveway, place as much snow as possible in the direction of travel (on the "downstream" side of the road), and clear an area "upstream" from the foot of your driveway to form a pocket for the plowed snow. The result? More snow from the road will go into the pocket, and less will land at the foot of your driveway.

What happens in the event of a medical emergency?

Call 9-1-1. Emergency responders will provide medical transportation and care at the expense of the resident and will notify the Street Division if they need additional support.

Will the SCAT public transit system operate during a winter weather event?

The decision to operate the City's transit system is based on road and safety conditions for the drivers and passengers. Call 636-949-3364 to ask about daily operations.

Why did the snow plow drive by my house without plowing?

During snow operations, it may become necessary for a driver to refuel, obtain another load of salt, replace a plow blade/wipers, maintain equipment, or change drivers. Snow removal takes a toll on equipment and supplies. Rest assured, once the reloading and/or refueling are done, a driver will return to his or her assigned route.

Why are you spraying water when the pavement is dry?

This is a liquid salt solution called brine. Brine helps keep snow and ice from bonding to the pavement surface and is considered a pretreatment method.

Why doesn't the department use more salt?

Salt has its limitations, depending upon pavement temperature. Salt is most effective when pavement temperatures are above 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Why did the snow plow surround my car with snow?

When plowing, it is impossible to avoid snow accumulation around parked vehicles. Plow drivers are required to remain a safe distance from parked cars to avoid damage, but plow blades are still directing the snow to the curb side. The unavoidable result? Snow around the car. Therefore, whenever possible, it is always best to move parked cars off the street prior to a snowfall to avoid this situation.

How long does it take to finish one complete pass of the City?

It depends upon a large number of factors including the amount of snow on the ground, the rate at which the snow continues to fall, whether the snow is wet or dry, whether visibility is hindered due to high winds and/or drifting snow, the presence of ice, extremely cold temperatures, vehicles parked on the street, truck and equipment condition, etc. A general rule of thumb is it can take crews 24-30 hours to make a complete pass though the entire City after the snow has stopped falling on a typical snow event.

Who do I call for more information or when there is an issue?

The phone number at the Streets Division is 636-949-3363 (*this is also the number used seasonally for the Snow Operations Center during bad weather*). For a recorded update during bad weather, call 636-255-6153, and to email Streets during a bad weather, send your message to snow@stcharlescitemo.gov.

MID EAST AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Senior Corner



Mid-East Area Agency on Aging (MEAAA) is committed to ending senior hunger in our community and reducing the isolation experienced by so many older adults.

MEAAA Meals On Wheels (MOW) offers a hot, nutritious noon-time meal that provides at least one-third of an adult's daily nutritional requirements. The meals are delivered to the home on weekdays by trained volunteers. Often the MOW volunteer may be the only person a senior citizen sees all day, providing human contact and a safety net, particularly for those who live alone.

MOW services are provided on a short- or long-term basis to house-bound seniors 60 years or older, who are unable to prepare a nutritionally balanced noon meal for themselves and are unable to attend congregate meal sites at MEAAA Senior Centers.

Requests for MOW services may come from seniors, community agencies such as social services, hospital staff, doctors, or family members. Seniors or their representatives may call 636-949-0658 or email stcharles@mid-eastaaa.org. There are no financial eligibility requirements to be enrolled in the program, and a minimal voluntary donation is requested.

For more details on MOW or any other MEAAA programs, contact:

Janet Hoff, Administrator, MEAAA
St. Charles Senior Center
1455 Fairgrounds Rd., 63301
636-949-0658 • agingmissouri.org

P.S. Did you know you can drop off your aluminum cans at the Senior Center and any recycling proceeds are contributed to the Meals on Wheels Program? On behalf of the St. Charles Senior Center and the Meals on Wheels Program here in St. Charles... many thanks for your support!

Going With the Glow Parks Celebrates Centennial Anniversary

St. Charles Parks and Recreation celebrated its 100th anniversary with a weekend-long festival September 12-14. The event included a 5K glow run, bike parade, carnival, entertainment and activities—all set against a wonderful compilation of lights that showcased Frontier Park and the Missouri riverfront. Thank you to everyone who came down and joined the celebration! If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the Parks Department 100th anniversary documentary, please call 636-949-3372.



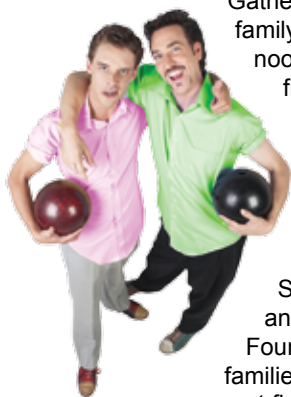
Entrepreneurs In Training



The Duree Center for Entrepreneurship at Lindenwood University and other community partners sponsored a Lemonade Day on Saturday, Sept. 13. Here, Mayor Sally Faith visits 8th graders Shante Hanna (l) and Yani Curry (r) and 7th grader Aria Lynch (on guitar) at their Lemonade Serenade stand at Berthold Square. Lemonade Day is a free community-wide educational program designed to teach youth how to start, own, and operate their own business through a lemonade stand. Kids learn crucial life lessons through hands-on experience and get to keep the money they earn. To learn more about Lemonade Day and see other photos from the 2014 event, visit dureecenter.org.

Events

NEW! Glow Bowling Jamboree



Gather your friends and family for a great afternoon of bowling at our first-ever Glow Bowl. The alley and participants will be glowing at this fun-filled event. This is a fund-raiser for the St. Charles Parks and Recreation Foundation to benefit families and children who cannot financially afford recreation programs or trips. Join us for an amazing afternoon as all ages Glow Bowl for a great cause.

DATE: Saturday, November 15

TIME: 12:30P-5:00P

LOCATION: Plaza Lanes,
506 Droste Road, 63301

COST: \$3 per game (shoes included)

Breakfast with Santa

Santa Claus is coming to town! Join us for this special occasion as we enjoy a lovely breakfast followed by the arrival of Santa Claus! Santa will greet your child and pose for pictures, so don't forget the camera. Then the children will create several festive Christmas crafts.

DATE: Saturday, December 13

TIME: 9:00A

LOCATION: Memorial Hall (Blanchette Park)

COST: \$8.00 per person
(you must pre-register and all must pay)

Bin-Glow (Ages 21 and Over)

Join us for this unique version of bingo you won't find anywhere else! Gather your friends for an exciting evening fun and games. Be sure to dress in your best glow outfit; the most creative person will win a prize! Guests are welcome to bring their own mixed drinks and appetizers. You must pre-register to attend.

DATE: Saturday, February 28, 2015

TIME: 7:00P-9:00P (doors open at 6:30P)

LOCATION: Memorial Hall (Blanchette Park)

COST: \$20 per person (includes admission, draft beer, set-ups, and light snacks)

Training

Motorcycle Rider Education

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) is the internationally recognized developer of the comprehensive, research based, Rider Education and Training System (RETS). MSF-RETS curriculum promotes life-long learning for motorcyclists and continuous professional development for certified rider coaches and other trainers.

St. Charles Parks offers the MSF-RETS program. Upon successful completion, participants will receive a card that may entitle them to receive a 5-25% discount on their motorcycle insurance. Successful completion of this course also eliminates the driving portion of obtaining your motorcycle driver's license. Classes are limited to 12 participants.

St. Charles Parks was recently named winner of the MSF "Outstanding Community Training Site" Award.

DATE: Two-day courses available
(weekends or weekdays)

TIME: 8:00A-5:00P

COST: \$240 per student (bikes provided)

LOCATION: 2300 N. Main St., 63301

Sports

St. Louis Ambush Soccer Clinic

This clinic is a unique and exciting opportunity to experience specialized soccer training through a partnership with the St. Louis Ambush professional soccer team at the Family Arena. Autographs and pictures with the players will be available between sessions.

DATE: Saturday, February 21, 2015

TIMES: Ages 4-5: 10:00A-11:00A

Ages 6 and Over: Noon-1:30P

LOCATION: Family Arena

COST: \$25 per person



Employment

Winter Extravaganza Job Fair

Bring your friends and learn about the exciting job opportunities that are available for spring/summer 2015 with the Parks & Recreation Department.

DATE: Friday, January 9, 2015

TIME: 3:00P-5:00P

LOCATION: Memorial Hall (Blanchette Park)

AGE: You must be 16 years
or older to apply

Information about the following positions will be available, and applications will be accepted.

- Concession Stand Workers
- Beverage Servers (21 years or older)
- Aquatics (lifeguards, swim instructors)
- Programs (spin, dance, fitness instructors)
- Day Camp Counselors
- Sports Instructors
- Adult Softball Umpires
- Maintenance Staff (18 years or older)

Rentals

2015 Reservations

Did you know that St. Charles has 24 rentable outdoor shelters available in 12 different City parks? Shelter reservations are taken for the current year only, so to reserve a shelter for any date in the year 2015, you may call as early as **Friday, January 2**. You may also reserve a shelter online or in person at the Parks Dept. Administration Office in Blanchette Park.

And did you also know we have three rentable community buildings that are great for events of all kinds? Visit our website for photos, amenities and pricing or call us at 636-949-3372.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



NOVEMBER

- 1-24The Buck Shops Saint Charles shopping promotion (details below).
 11.....Veterans Day Ceremony. 11am. At the St. Charles Veterans Memorial at Bishop's Landing.
 28-30Kriskindlmarkt. An old-world German market. At the Lewis & Clark Boat House.
 Hours are: Friday, Noon-9pm; Saturday, 11am-9pm; and Sunday, Noon-5pm.
 28-30Christmas Traditions festival. Hours are: Friday (Opening Day), 11am-9pm; Saturday, 11am-9pm; and Sunday, Noon-5pm. On Historic Main Street. stcharleschristmas.com.

DECEMBER

- 3-24Christmas Traditions festival. Hours are: Wednesdays, 6:30pm-9pm; Fridays, 6:30pm-9pm; Saturdays, 11am-9pm; and Sundays, Noon-5pm. Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) hours are 11am-2pm. On Historic Main Street. stcharleschristmas.com.
 5 & 12.....Augusta's Candlelight Christmas Walk. In downtown Augusta, Missouri. 5pm-10pm. augusta-chamber.org.
 13.....Santa's North Pole Dash. Greater Saint Charles County's Chamber 5K and 1-Mile Fun Walk. santasnorthpoledash.com.

EARLY 2015

- January 31.....Fete de Glace Festival of Ice. Ice carving competition. North Main Street.
 Feb. 20-22Working Women's Survival Show. St. Charles Convention Center. wwsonline.com.
 Feb. 21Working Women's Survival Show Ultimate Girl's 5K Run. wwsonline.com.
 March 12-15Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament. Family Arena. mvcstcharles.com.
 April 10-12Missouri Tartan Day festivities. Frontier Park. motartanday.com.



As a reminder, domesticated animals are prohibited in Frontier Park during special events. Events listed are subject to change.



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Start Holiday Shopping **EARLY!**

Start your holiday shopping November 1-24 in Saint Charles, Missouri at participating businesses and WIN BIG!

Shoppers will receive one (1) entry ticket for every \$10 spent at participating merchants.

PRIZES!

Winners

Hawaii Vacation Package • Colorado Ski Package

Ameristar Blackhawk Casino Package

Branson Trip • Movie Tickets

Theatre Tickets • Sporting Tickets

announced November 28 at 5:15pm

Frontier Park - Jaycee Stage

Following the Saint Charles Christmas Traditions Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5:00pm in Berthold Square.

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or call 1-888-947-9874 for details.



Saint Charles, Missouri

Christmas Traditions

WHERE CHRISTMAS PAST COMES TO LIFE

November 28-December 24, 2014

Festival Hours

Opening Day 11am to 9pm | Wednesdays and Fridays 6:30 to 9pm
Saturdays 11am to 9pm • Sundays Noon to 5pm
Christmas Eve - December 24, 11am to 2pm

Opening Ceremony - Friday, November 28 at 11am
Kister Park Gazebo - 400 block of South Main Street

Official Saint Charles City Christmas Tree Lighting
with Mayor Sally Faith
November 28 at 5pm - Berthold Square



- Santas from around the world & The Legends of Christmas
- Chestnuts Roasting & Marshmallow Roast
- Music by the Cobblestone Wassailiers & Sleigh Bell Singers
- Photos with Santa & Katy Depot Train Display in Santa's Cottage
- Santa Parade on Saturdays & Sundays
- Late night shopping by sparkling lights on select evenings
- Live greenery & red bows along brick-lined streets
- Breakfast with Santa
- Gingerbread Village

New For 2014

- 40 Years of Christmas Traditions - The Great Ornament Hunt
- Yuletide Dinner with the Legends of Christmas
- Live Reindeer
- Celebration of Saint Nicholas Day and Santa Lucia Day
- Kriskindlmarkt (Nov. 28-30)

"40 Years of Christmas Traditions - Where Christmas Past Comes to Life"
A Special Documentary Presentation
Thursday, November 20 | 6pm | Foundry Art Centre
(copies available for purchase during festival hours)

Visit stcharleschristmas.com for all the specific dates, times, & events scheduled during the 40th Year Celebration

Saint Charles Christmas Traditions produced by the Greater Saint Charles Convention & Visitors Bureau



Happy Holidays, With Thanks

As we wind down 2014 and start thinking about the New Year, I would like to begin by saying a hearty thank you!

I'm happy to report the parking garage at City Hall is once again open for business. We sure appreciate your patience during this important reconstruction project. As you will notice, we are still in the process of some final housekeeping issues—both interior and exterior—so please drive cautiously and follow directional signage. I hope you enjoyed the “mum” arrow on Monroe Street highlighting our newly refurbished garage space (see photo on Page 2). My hat is off to our staff members in Facilities

Maintenance and Parks & Recreation for designing this creative way to point the way to our facility entrance!

September was a busy month not only with the garage grand reopening, but also with our Illumination event celebrating the Centennial anniversary of the Parks & Recreation department. I hope you and your family members were able to join us for all the fun activities in Frontier Park. Our Media team recently put the finishing touches on the 100th anniversary documentary, so please stay tuned for further details on purchasing this video summary. You can visit the Parks department online at stcharlesparks.com for further details.

Likewise, we're celebrating 40 years of Christmas Traditions this year, and the

2014 festival will kick off at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, November 28 (see flyer on Page 13 for more information). The CVB will team up with Media to host a free, public screening of the festival's anniversary video on Thursday, November 20 at the Foundry Art Centre. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and everyone is welcome!

Maybe you've noticed our year-end holiday shopping season is a bit shorter than normal this year, as there are just three weekends in December prior to Christmas! But no worries, as the CVB recently launched a “shop local” campaign, The Buck Shops Saint Charles, which will run through Monday, November 24. Be sure to check out the advertisement at the bottom of Page 12 or visit historicstcharles.com for complete program details, including a list of participating merchants citywide. Let me just say, it's a novel idea and the prizes are well...pretty amazing!

As highlighted on Page 5, our Economic Development Department received multiple honors this year, including accreditation from the International Economic Development Council, along with special recognition for their newly created website, growstcharles.com.

Speaking of websites, the City launched a new and improved website design. The site upgrade, which went into effect last month, continues to reside at the previously established domain: stcharlescitymo.gov. Ultimately, we hope you will find the new design simple, easy-to-navigate and more responsive to your needs.

Among the new elements readily available online, you will find the top navigation of the home page now includes a How Do I section. This content serves as a quick resource guide for residents and business owners. A more complete overview of the



website can be found in the News section directly under the home page photo, with abbreviated highlights on Page 5 of this issue.

Between now and the end of the year, you'll also receive a copy of our 2015 calendar produced in partnership with our good friends at Republic Services. The theme of this year's calendar is Here We Grow Again, and will feature a number of new and ongoing projects, including Streets of St. Charles, University Commons, our new Public Works Facility and the Fifth Street Gateway.

And don't forget, if you need to know which Ward of the City you reside, you can easily confirm that information by looking at the mailing label on this newsletter. Your City Council representatives are featured on Page 15 for your easy reference. Plus, all of the City's social media platforms are highlighted on Page 16 ensuring you have easy access to everything that is happening citywide.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season, and we will look forward to seeing you on Main Street during the Christmas Traditions festival! Best wishes for continued health and prosperity in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Sally A. Faith

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